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PATENT

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In re Patent Application of:) Group Art Unit: 2165
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Application No.: 10/038,203)
Filed: October 19, 2001)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
RUNTIME MERGING OF)
HIERARCHICAL TREES)

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, this Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 28, 2004. Submitted herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time for three months extending the due date for response to June 28, 2005. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Please amend the application as follows: